



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

**BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT
514 NORTH PROSPECT AVENUE
BEACH CITIES ROOM, LOWER LEVEL
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277
<http://LACCW.info>**

Monday, May 14, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-2180)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: President Yolanda Becerra-Jones, Vice President Bobbi Jean Tanberg, Commissioner Martha E. Escandón M.B.A., Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin and Commissioner Veda E. Ward Ph.D.

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Piñedo

Excused: Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D. and Commissioner Reiko Duba

Call to Order. (12-2179)

The meeting was called to order by President Becerra-Jones at 10:12 a.m.

I. SET MATTER

1. SET ITEM 10:30 A.M.

Presentation by Perla Placencia on the "Caring Across Generations" a National Movement changing the way we care in this Country by protecting social programs we've earned and creating what we need to build a strong care system for all generations. (12-2102)

Perla Placencia and Maria Rodriguez gave a verbal presentation on the "Care Across Generations" campaign and the importance of building a strong network to care for our aging and all generations to come.

Ms. Placencia and Ms. Rodriguez also responded to questions posed by the Commission.

After their presentation, no action was taken by the Commission.

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II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 2.** Approval to amend the Article VI - Officers, Statement of Procedures of the Commission for Women regarding as submitted by Nominating Committee Chair Charlotte Lesser. (12-1276)

Commissioner Lesser provided an explanation on the need to change the Commission's Statement of Procedures.

During discussion, Commissioner Ward, made a friendly amendment to the proposed changes to paragraph 1 of Article VI, to read as follows:

The officers of the Commission shall consist of a President, Vice-President and Treasurer. The President shall not be eligible for election to more than one consecutive two year term. As provided by ordinance, the officers shall be elected by the Commission.

Therefore, after discussion, on motion of Commissioner Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., seconded by Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, unanimously carried, this item was approved as amended.

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- 3.** Approval of Minutes from the meeting of April 2012. (12-1289)

Prior to approving the minutes of April 9, 2012, Commissioner Shevlin noted there was some concern regarding Brown Act compliance of the agenda posting for April. She added that at the advise of County Counsel written notification of such a violation must be received in order to retract the meeting accordingly. Since there was no written notification received, the Commission can move forward and finalize the minutes.

Commissioner Lesser, requested the minutes be reflected to show under Item 15, Commissioner Announcement - Commissioner Lesser is a current volunteer of the vitality effort for the "Blue Zoning" of the three beach cities.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Bobbi Jean Tanberg, unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as amended.

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4. Approval to make a donation in the amount of \$150 from the President's fund to Girls & Gangs for two VIP dinner tickets at the 2nd Youth Achievement Awards Reception held March 1, 2012 and attended by President Becerra-Jones. (Continued from meeting of April 9, 2012) (12-0909)

President Becerra-Jones responded to questions posed by the Commission. She noted that although she was the only person who attended the event, there were two reservations made for the event.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, this item was approved.

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5. Approval to make a donation in the amount of \$500 from the President's fund to ERA Education Project, for printing educational materials to be used for women's organizations and schools. (Continued from the meeting of April 9, 2012) President Becerra-Jones requests this item be taken off calendar. (12-1458)

This item was taken off calendar.

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6. Approval to amend the 2011-2012 Budget for Commission Printing of Domestic Violence Booklets from \$1200 to \$2000 and reduce the Media/Promotional Expenses from \$1000 to \$200 at the request of Commission Rodriguez. (12-2074)

Commissioner Rodriguez noted there was an error on the request for the initial printing job for the Domestic Violence Handbooks. The adjustment in the Budget allocation will assist in completing the print job.

Commissioners Lesser commented the books are very well received and are available in other languages. Commissioner Rodriguez will provide a list to Commissioners of departments that utilize the handbooks.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, this item was approved.

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7. Approval of a donation in the amount not to exceed \$900 for the Health Education and Community Project of District 1 for the cost of 10 sessions of Non Violence Parenting classes provided by the Echo Parenting and Education Center to be held May 30, 2012 at the Chicana Service Action Center in Los Angeles at the request of Commissioner Rodriguez. (12-2068)

Commissioner Tanberg noted this is a great example of breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

Commissioner Rodriguez will provide informational flyers for Commissioners. She responded to questions posed by the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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8. Approve the attendance of Commissioner Rodriguez at attend the Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles, *Beyond Turf Wars* conference to be held May 21, 22, 2012 at the California Endowment in the amount not to exceed \$150 from the 1st District Event Fund as requested by Commissioner Rodriguez. (12-2069)

On motion of Commissioner Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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9. Approval to make a donation in an amount not to exceed \$1000 from the Health Education and Community Project of District 3 Fund to the Youth Speaking Collective to fund the Young Women's Conference to be held in May 2012 in the City of Pacoima as requested by Commissioner Gallegos. (Continued from the meeting of April 9, 2012) (12-0918)

Commissioner Gallegos requested the item be amended to reflect a change in the conference date to July 9, 2012.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, seconded by Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, unanimously carried, this item was approved as amended.

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- 10.** Approval of the 2011-2012 Scholarship recipients as submitted by Commissioner Alice Petrossian, Education Ad-Hoc Committee Chair. (12-1658)

Commissioner Petrossian thanked staff for their hard work in coordinating this program. She was pleased to see there is a diverse list of agencies represented. An overview of reviewing the applications and submittal of scores were given. Recommendations to enhance the program were noted and will be submitted to the Education AdHoc Committee.

All reviewers will be invited to the June 19, 2012 Scholarship Program.

On motion of Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, seconded by Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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III. REPORTS

- 11.** President's Report for the months of February through April 2012. (Continued from the meeting of April 9, 2012) (12-0914)

By common consent, there being no objection, the report was received and filed.

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- 12.** Treasurer's Report for February through April of 2012 as submitted by Treasurer Shevlin. (12-0915)

Commissioner Shevlin submitted her report. During discussion, staff was instructed to coordinate a meeting with Commissioner Shevlin and the Executive Office Accounting Unit to discuss the Budget format.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, the report was received and filed.

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13. Final Report from the AD-Hoc Women of the Year Luncheon Committee Chair, Norma Gallegos. (12-0917)

Commissioner Gallegos submitted her report. During discussion, staff was instructed to coordinate a meeting with Commissioner Gallegos and the Executive Office Accounting Unit to discuss Budget format.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, the report was received and filed.

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14. Health Committee Update Report as submitted by Commissioner Creary. (12-2133)

By common consent, there being no objection, the item was continued to the meeting of June 11, 2012 without discussion.

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IV. DISCUSSION

15. Discussion of Executive Committee Criteria update on the use of additional funds not included in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Commission for Women trust fund budget. (Continued from meetings of 07/11/11, 08/08/11, 11/14/11, 01/09/12, 02/13/12 and 04/09/12) (11-3206)

By common consent, there being no objection, the item was continued to the meeting of June 11, 2012 without discussion.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

16. Announcements from Commissioners. (12-2078)

Commissioner Petrossian announced she received the Medal of Honor on the weekend of May 8, 2012 held at Ellis Island in New York for immigrants who volunteer and have contributed for the betterment of the Country.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones announced she attended the 2012 Consumer Protection Summit where they focused on fraud and identity theft.

Matters Not Posted

17. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (Continued from the meeting of April 9, 2012) (12-1280)

No matters were posted for a future agenda.

Public Comment

18. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-1954)

Lis McCrarry, a member of the public addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

19. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, May 14, 2012. (12-2067)

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.